

# Gallatin Crest Travel Planning Area

## A. Alternative Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

### Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternative 1

Alternative 1 is the “no action” alternative. There would be no changes to current management direction applicable to travel management.

### Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternatives 2 through 7-M

**GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use.** Provide opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized summer recreation use with an emphasis on hiking, biking, and horseback riding. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M, with qualifications. Only Alternatives 2, 3 and 4 would provide ATV opportunities. Mountain bike opportunities would be eliminated in Alternative 5 and 6. There would be no motorized use in Alternative 6, but some motorcycle use would be allowed in Alternative 7-M. The differences between alternatives are largely due to this Travel Planning Area being within the Hyalite/Porcupine-Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area.*

**OBJ. 1-1a:** Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of summer recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies as shown in the table below. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 60 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
<b>Pleasure Driving</b>							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Backcountry Roads (4x4)</b>							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ATV</b>							
Miles of Road	7	7	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	115	2	2	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	122	9	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Motorcycle</b>							
Miles of Road	2	2	2	2	2	0	2
Miles of Trail	0	112	73	47	32	0	49
Total Miles	2	114	75	49	34	0	51
<b>Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)</b>							
Miles of Road	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	179	178	70	51	5	5	55
Total Miles	185	184	70	51	5	5	55
<b>Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)</b>							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	105	113	22	22	76

Table II – 60 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
<b>Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)</b>							
Miles of Trail	179	178	172	172	181	181	172
<b>Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)</b>							
Miles of Trail	0*	0**	7	7	0*	0*	6
<b>Hiking (Use Emphasized)</b>							
Miles of Trail	179	179	181	181	181	181	181
<b>Hiking (Use Allowed)</b>							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*
* Use for this activity is not prohibited on any trails; use is either emphasized or allowed.							
** Use for this activity is prohibited on some trails.							

**OBJ. 1-1b:** Achieve the summer recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 1 through the route-by-route management decisions made through this Travel Plan. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for summer uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

**OBJ. 1-2:** Provide up to 4 additional routes of access to this Travel Planning Area from the Yellowstone valley side. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

**GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use.** Provide for a low level of backcountry winter activities in a primitive setting with emphasis on non-motorized uses. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M, but the amount of snowmobile opportunity varies between alternatives.*

**OBJ. 2-1a:** Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following winter uses. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies as shown in the table below. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 61 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
<b>Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)</b>							
Miles of Plowed Road	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Snowmobiling</b>							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Total Miles	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
<b>Cross-country Skiing</b>							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total Miles	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Table II - 62 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
<b>Snowmobiling</b>							
Yearlong Closure							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	28,492	28,492	55,917	91,784	99,889	99,889	89,298
Seasonal Closure <u>2/</u>							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	77,594	77,594	50,169	14,302	6,197	6,197	16,788
Net	106,086	106,086	106,086	106,086	106,086	106,086	106,086
<u>2/</u> Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section.							

**OBJ. 2-1b:** Achieve the winter recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 2 through the marked and groomed route management decisions made through this Travel Plan along with decisions made on the area available to snowmobiles. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for winter uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. ***This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.***

**GOAL 3: Fisheries.** Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Fridley Creek. ***This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.***

In this Travel Planning Area, this goal is pursued through application of Forest-wide standards.

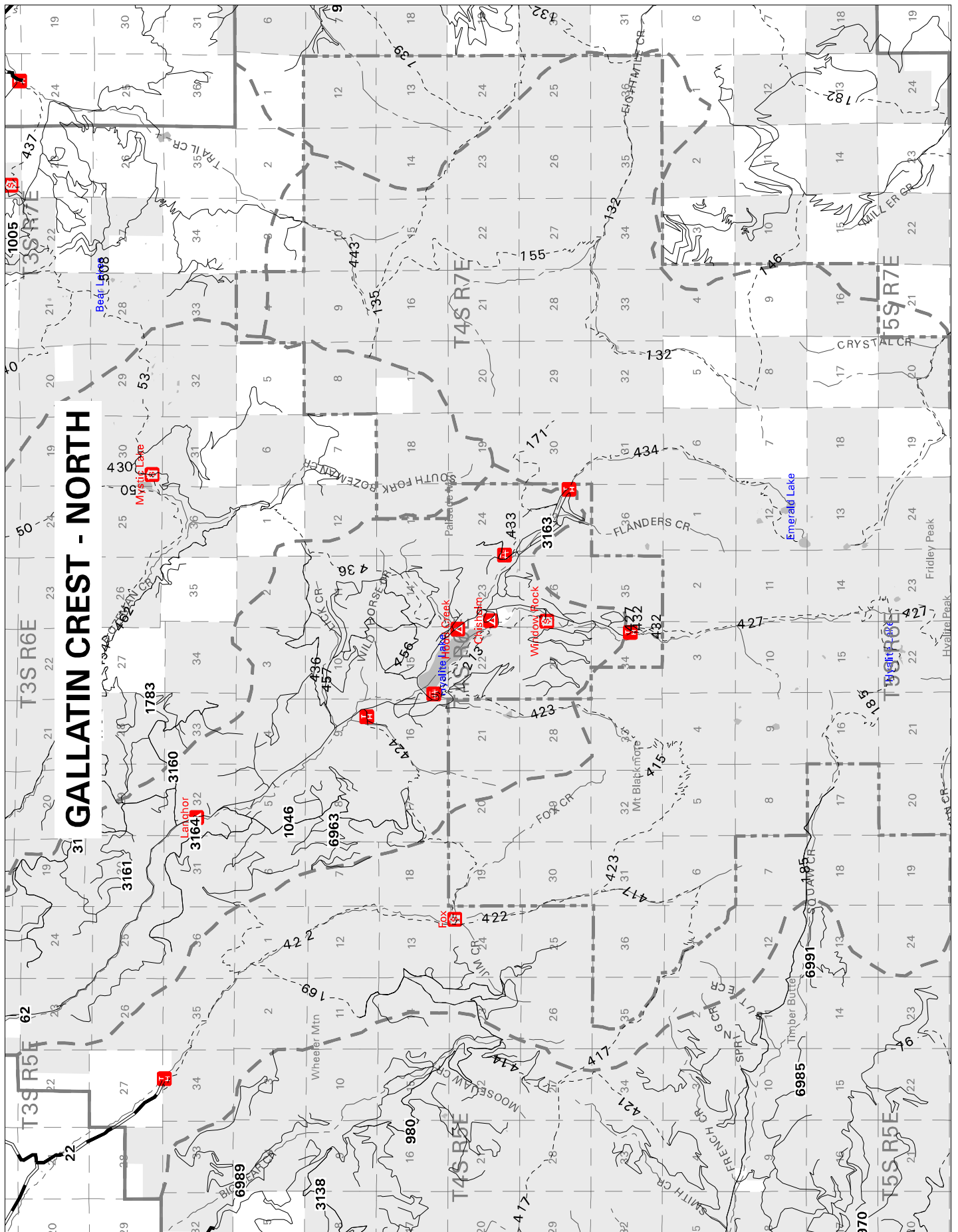
**GOAL 4: Wilderness Character.** Manage the Hyalite/Porcupine-Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area to sustain the recreation setting and existing Wilderness characteristics as they were in 1977 and to preserve the area for future consideration as Wilderness. ***This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.***

**OBJ. 4-1:** Through monitoring and modification of use patterns, manage designated uses of roads and trails to meet Goal 4. ***This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.***

## **B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management**

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